

DEMANDS A MORE DRASTIC EXCISE LAW

State Commissioner Urges Heavier Penalties for Sellers with Liquor Certificates.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] ALBANY, N. Y., Monday.—To stamp out the sale of liquor in places which pay no revenue to the State, W. W. Farley, Commissioner of Excise, in his annual report made public to-day asks that the Legislature provide a more drastic punishment for illegal sales. For the violation of the law an owner of a liquor tax certificate is liable to lose his license, and is also subject to penalty on his bond, varying from \$1,000 in New York city to \$500 in smaller places. The civil penalty for the illegal traffic by a person who has no certificate is only \$50.

Mr. Farley asks that the law be so amended that the department may bring action against the unlicensed violator for an amount at least equal to the amount of the bond required from a licensed dealer in the locality where the violation took place. He also asks that every person with a United States Internal Revenue certificate, and not a State certificate, be required to keep a record of purchases and sales, subject at all times to the examination of the State Excise Commissioner.

The report shows a decrease of licenses for 1911, as compared with 1910, of 398 hotels and 342 saloons. The receipts for the years were \$18,320,880 for 1911, as compared with \$18,022,522 for the previous year. The per cent for the department were \$52,682, a decrease of \$16,485.

"One of the greatest evils confronting the State," says Mr. Farley, "is the unlicensed traffic in liquors. Rather than pay the tax imposed by the State in some instances, and in others due to prohibition as a result of local option, a large number of persons are engaged in the illegal sale of liquor. Not only in the interest of good government, but as a matter of fairness to those citizens who are lawfully engaged in the traffic, it would seem that the State should take drastic measures to eliminate the places where such unlawful traffic is carried on."

Rate of liquor by a person under the age of eighteen years, if a member of the family of a certificate holder, the report discusses at length and legislation is urged to stop this condition.

BOY ACCUSED POLICEMAN.

Said He Had Been Beaten with Night Stick, but Could Show No Bruises in Court.

Policeman Michael Batto yesterday arraigned Robert Ruben, seventeen years old, of No. 145 West 149th street, in the Harlem court on a charge of disorderly conduct and assault. He alleged that when he arrested the boy for sliding on the sidewalk Ruben struck him in the face with his fist, cutting him under the eye.

Ruben declared that Batto had beaten him with his night stick on the shoulders, body and shins. Magistrate Batto ordered a probation officer to examine Ruben for marks of the alleged beating. The officer reported that there was not a bruise on Ruben. Magistrate Batto then fined the youth \$5 and held him for trial in General Sessions for assault.

MR. MERRITT FACES APPOINTMENT FIGHT

Incipient Insurgency Over Committee Chairmanship in Assembly Beginning to Worry Speaker.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] ALBANY, N. Y., Monday.—Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., is learning something about the responsibilities of being Speaker of an Assembly filled with ambitious men. Half a dozen or more of the heretofore regular stand-where-hatched members are showing signs of incipient insurgency, and the republican majority may not be a tractable one.

James S. Parker, of Washington county, one of the men who was mentioned for Speaker, is said to be kicking over the party traces. He wanted to be floor leader and that place went to Frank L. Young, of Westchester. Then he wanted to be chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, but George H. Whitney, of Saratoga, was thought to have a prior right to that. There was some talk that he would be made chairman of a subcommittee on appropriations, but that plan was abandoned, too. Now Speaker Merritt asks him to take the chairmanship of the Railroad Committee, no longer of much importance, as most of the matters are disposed of by the Public Service Commission, and he does not like it.

Andrew F. Murray, of New York, is not pleased over the report that the chairmanship of the Committee on Education will go to W. W. Colne, of Brooklyn. He wanted that place and refused to go with the rest of the New York Assemblymen against the election of Mr. Merritt. There is also a fight on over the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee. William Barnes, Jr., wants Harold J. Hinman, of this city, to have that important place, important because all of the direct primary bills will go there. Cyrus W. Phillips, of Monroe, wants it, and so does Clarence MacGregor, of Buffalo, who wanted to be selected as floor leader.

It is proposed to make Mr. Phillips chairman of the Insurance Committee and Mr. MacGregor chairman of the Codes Committee, but neither one is satisfied. Mr. Merritt is working away at the slate, trying to straighten out all the trouble, and while he talks cheerfully, he looks a little worried.

The Hobby Club, composed of wealthy men of New York who have odd collections, is described in next Sunday's NEW YORK HERALD.

BARNARD STARTS NEW CLUB

"For the purpose," it is quoted from the minutes of the first meeting, "of furthering independent, personal interest in classical and other literature, the English Club of Barnard College is founded."

So a new literary organization was born in Barnard College last night, and it came into life with twenty-five girls sitting cozily in the glow of a grate fire while Professor William P. Trent, the head of the English department, discussed literature. The idea of the club first came from the mind of the editor of the Barnard Bulletin, who thought that this would make a cozy corner.

Miss Pauline, the editor of the Barnard Bulletin, wanted to call it the Cozy Corner Club.

Good Prices Paid for Rare Art Bindings; \$64,59 Result First Day's Hoe Sale



Bernard Quaritch, of London, Pays High but Not Extravagant Sums for Valuable Mosaics, Giving \$5,750 for Thomas a Kempis' "Imitation of Christ," bound by Monnier, the Master—Works of Great Interest to Bibliophiles Admired by Bidders and Others, Day and Night.

Bibliophiles and dealers from all the world started yesterday to bid on the second part of the great library of the late Robert Hoe, and when the gavel of the auctioneer fell at eleven o'clock last night they had assimilated \$64,591 worth of it. The afternoon session yielded \$9,469; the evening session \$55,122.

Two weeks have been assigned for the disposal of the second section, and already there is discussion as to whether it will reach \$100,000, and the sensational rush of prices yesterday indicated that the high mark would be reached again. Buyers from the great marts of Europe were present during both sessions yesterday, and Bernard Quaritch, of London, whose place in the British metropolis could be found by most bibliophiles blindfolded or in a fog, had to lion's share. To him went the choicest of the bindings, and, costly as they were, it was thought by the experts that he had not paid extravagant sums. Mr. Quaritch gave the highest price of the sales, \$5,750, for Thomas a Kempis' "Imitation of Christ," bound in rare Chinese mosaic by Monnier and bearing the signature of that prince of his craft six times.

This is believed to be the highest ever paid for a binding of its artistic merit alone, as other books of ornate dress have been bought at great sums for the strength of historical associations. This incomparable binding was sold for \$250 in London to a French bookseller, from whom it is believed it was acquired by Colonel Hoe.

COLUMBIA RAISES SCIENCE COURSES

Only Graduate Work To Be Done in the School of Engineering After Next September.

All students, who are admitted to the School of Engineering in Columbia University after this term, will be forced to take the courses as post graduate work or in conjunction with the college course at Columbia, which will extend the work over a period of seven years. This was decided at a meeting of the University trustees held yesterday.

As a result of this plan, proposed by the faculty of the School of Applied Science, with the concurrence of the University council, recently the schools of mines, engineering, and chemistry will be on the same plane as those of law and medicine. The new ruling will go into effect in September, forcing all applicants who desire to take the engineering courses to have college degrees, but it will be 1914 before the system will entirely prevail as the men already in the schools, who are not taking it as post graduate work, will be graduated.

As in the schools of law and medicine, students of Columbia University will under the new plan be permitted to combine the academic and engineering engineering courses. That is a man may go to college for three years and then take up his engineering course, completing all his work in a period of seven years and obtaining two degrees. The Board of Trustees declared that the purpose of the plan was to dignify the profession of engineering and raise the standard of men with Columbia degrees. The subjects of a post-graduate nature, except that of Columbia College, Barnard College and a new school of practical arts.

A plan also was adopted at the meeting to establish a new school of practical arts under the immediate charge of the trustees of Teachers College. The subjects of instruction will include household and industrial design, domestic science, and costume design and manufacture, household design and decoration, nursing and sanitation, wood and metal working, art industries and music.

The annual elections took place at the meeting. George L. Rives was elected chairman of the Board, and John B. Pine, of New York, was elected to the position of secretary. The Rev. Dr. Edward B. Coe was chosen for the Committee on Education; George L. Rives, on finance; W. F. Feltner, on buildings and grounds; R. A. Aycock, on honors, and John B. Pine, on the library.

DENIES CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

Hearing Friday for Mr. McKim, Who Is in a Sanitarium.

William Willett, Jr., appeared voluntarily before Judge Humphreys in the Queens County Court yesterday to answer an application to remove him as committee of the person and estate of Joseph McKim, aged and wealthy, who is in Rivercrest Sanitarium. Mrs. Wilhelmina Collins, notice of Mr. McKim, of No. 31 Clinton avenue, is the petitioner.

Owing to the absence of Mr. McKim, who is in the sanitarium, the case was adjourned until Friday. Mr. Willett denied any conspiracy and asserted he always had performed his duties as guardian properly.

Equal in interest with the Monnier binding was an astronomical work by Theophrastus, printed and bound by Aldus in 1497 in the city of Venice. It is a small folio and was from the library of Henry II. and Diana of Poitiers. Its cover of olive morocco, its gilt gilded edges and its sides beautifully ornamented with the royal arms interlaced and its air of exquisite artistry caused this work to be much sought by amateurs.

It was acquired for \$4,700 by Mr. Quaritch, whose first bid was \$4,000. Mr. Drake gave battle in \$100 challenges until he was obliged to retreat. It became known last evening that extensive as were the purchases of Mr. Quaritch, most of the books which he bought would not leave the country as many Americans are among his clients. Among those for whom he has acted as the great library sales such as that of the Huth collection and the first part of the Hoe collection is J. Pierpont Morgan.

Mr. Smith Occasional Buyer. George D. Smith, who, at the sale of the Hoe treasures last year, bought so intensively under the direction of Henry E. Huntington, was more or less silent yesterday, but occasionally he was aroused to his old time form after consulting with his associate, Mr. Rose.

The first book disposed of in the catalogue was the "Conic History of England," by A. Beckett, for which \$5 was paid by Arthur Hoe, son of the founder of this treasure of literature which now being brought.

The rain and snow were beating against the easements at the Anderson Galleries, Madison avenue and Fortieth street.

Major Emory Turner, president of the

BURGLAR DIVES THROUGH WINDOW

Guests at Card Party Throw Plates at Thief and One Hits Him with a Bottle.

An athletic burglar, found in the apartment of Martin R. Sherman, chief engineer of the Hotel St. Andrew, on the ground floor of No. 242 West 123d street, made a flying leap through the rear window Sunday night, carrying the sash and frame with him. In suite of a ten foot drop he climbed a fence to the yard of the adjoining house, making his escape, despite the fact that a neighbor him on the head with a water bottle in passing.

Mr. Sherman was aroused by his wife at half-past nine o'clock Sunday night and informed that there was a burglar in the next room. The door between the rooms was open and a gas jet was turned low. In the dim light the outline of the man's figure could be made out. He was rummaging in a bureau drawer. When Mr. Sherman got out of bed the man ran down the hall and made his leap, head first, through the window.

Isaac Rosenstein, who occupies the adjoining apartment, was giving a card party. His guests heard the crash, followed by the screams of Mrs. Sherman, and they all ran to the rear windows. Just as they got there the burglar appeared on the fence top. Several plates and other missiles were thrown at him. John McGee, one of Mr. Rosenstein's party, measured his distance carefully, and then hurled a heavy bottle, half full of water. He caught the bottle struck the man squarely on the head.

The thief got \$50 worth of silver, but dropped Mr. Sherman's new \$60 overcoat, in the pocket of which was \$8 in money. He entered the apartment by placing a ladder of the fire escape on a wheelbarrow and crawling in through a small window in a servant's room.

Another Sunday night burglary in Harlem reported to the police yesterday occurred at the apartment of Daniel J. Sullivan, on the third floor of No. 253 West 114th street. The thief got in an open window by the fire escape while Mr. Sullivan and his wife were asleep. He got away with \$100 worth of jewelry without rousing any one.

"The Puzzling Punch," in next Sunday's NEW YORK HERALD, shows Mr. Ellis Parker Butler in his best vein as a writer of humorous fiction.

FOUR MEN ROB RESTAURANT.

Hold Up Manager with Revolver and Empty Cash Register.

Four men entered a restaurant at No. 303 Eighth avenue early yesterday and held up the manager, John Hall, and robbed the cash register of \$7. Then they made their escape after warning staff and placing a ladder of the fire escape on a wheelbarrow and crawling in through a small window in a servant's room.

Hall was back of the counter when the four men entered. One of the men said that he wanted a small steak. Hall turned to shout the order to the cook, and when he faced the men he was confronted with a revolver.

Anderson Company, started the preliminary sale with a brief address, in which he told the story of the dispersal of the first part, which had brought nearly a million and paid down the conditions for the present auction.

The first high price of the afternoon session was \$800 given for one of the probably four of five complete copies of the Spectator, containing papers by Joseph Addison and Richard Steele. The two volumes were acquired by Rosenbach & Co., of Philadelphia, after an encounter with Walter M. Hill, who at last withdrew from the contest with the grace of Sir Roger de Coverly.

\$800 for a Life of Aescop. For a tall copy of a life of Aescop, with fables in Latin by Rincius, printed in Strassburg in 1483, the sum of \$800 was given by George D. Smith. The book was sold to Mr. Hoe many years ago for \$135, or approximately \$775.

It would have brought much more had not Colonel Hoe placed it in a modern binding. A more comfortable and a cleaner looking tome it became for its new sabbard, but less costly withal.

A perfect copy of "The Chronicle of London," by Richard Arnold, printed in 1590 in Antwerp by Adrian van Barchem, was acquired for \$465 by Mr. Smith. Know also that this delectable setting forth of the doings of mayors and balliffs contains a model of the art of printing. The volume of the name in the English collection sold only for \$100, but it had three leaves in facsimile.

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CHEMIST TO SETTLE POISON MYSTERY

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[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Monday.—Upon the result of the chemical analysis which Dr. Robinson, city chemist, is making of the viscera taken to-day from the bodies of Mrs. Bridget Flanagan and Miss Catharine Murray, who with the former's daughter and adopted boy baby were found dead in the boarding house No. 1238 North Twenty-fourth street, Sunday, will probably hinge the solution of the mystery of the deaths of the four. While Coroner Knight and the police still incline to the theory that coal gas was responsible for the tragedy, they admit that there is a strong possibility that the quartet was poisoned by some substance other than fumes from the coal stove.

Until the result of the autopsy performed to-day by Dr. W. S. Wadsworth and Dr. John H. Remis, Coroner's physicians, together with the result of Dr. Robinson's analysis and the analysis of food, a white powder and crystals found in a small pitcher, are made known by the Coroner, the case will probably remain a mystery.

Coroner Knight expects to receive the reports of his physicians to-morrow. The utmost secrecy is thrown around the case by all the officials. The Coroner's Jury to-day viewed the Twenty-fourth street boarding house, where the bodies of the four were found, and one was permitted to enter the house while the autopsy was being performed. William Flanagan, husband of Mrs. Flanagan, who left her on Tuesday, was located to-day in Baltimore. He volunteered to come back to this city. He is not under arrest and the police expect to glean little from him.

7 CANDIDATES WIN DIPLOMATIC POSTS

Arthur Mason Jones, of New York City, Is Made Legation Secretary at San Salvador.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Monday. Seven diplomatic appointments were today submitted to the Senate for confirmation. The appointments passed the examination to enter the diplomatic service on December 4 and 5. Out of twenty-one candidates these received appointments: Thomas H. Underhill, of Utah, Secretary of Legation at San Salvador.

Arthur Mason Jones, of New York city, Secretary of Legation at Managua.

Richard E. Pennoyer, of Berkeley, Cal., Secretary of Legation at Montevideo.

Arthur B. Rudwick, of Chicago, Third Secretary of Embassy at Berlin.

Charles E. Strongland, of Seattle, Secretary of Legation at La Paz.

Hugh R. Wilson, of Illinois, Secretary of Legation at Guatemala.

"Sons of the Rich in Politics" are the subjects of an article in next Sunday's NEW YORK HERALD.

HOPE THAT WILL BE FREE IN 30 DAYS

Friends Confident That Contemplated Habeas Corpus Proceedings Will Be Successful.

MOTHER SEES LAWYERS

Legal Advisers More Active Than Ever and Much Money Is Reported To Be Available.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] MATTHEWAN, N. Y., Monday.—That Harry K. Thaw would make his last and what is looked upon here as a promising attempt to regain his liberty on habeas corpus proceedings within the next few days, and that he would be free in thirty days, was announced to-night by persons who enjoy Thaw's confidence.

Like the mysterious movements of Thaw's friends and advisers in the last few days, since the departure from here of Dr. May, the Superintendent of Matthewan State Hospital, this positive announcement is in line with many that have preceded it. But there is this difference—Thaw's legal advisers are more active than ever and the situation to-day is more significant of decisive action and results than at any other time since Thaw became a patient at the hospital, say his friends.

It is pointed out that despite the fact that Thaw expended approximately \$150,000 in his campaign of two years to regain his liberty, and that he seemingly suspended his operations to take up the study of law, the Thaw moneybags are again open and the final contest is being pushed with greater vigor than ever. During the preliminary fight for liberty Thaw interested his friends in almost daily consultation with her as well as with her son. These facts have been well known since the departure of Dr. May from the hospital, and the report that Dr. Robert B. Lamb, formerly head of the institution, who was forced to resign, probably would be returned to that post. Dr. Lamb is eligible under the law to reappear without the formality of passing an examination, and Thaw's friends, it is asserted, are endeavoring to prevent his return, as that, they believe, would spell disaster to all his carefully prepared plans.

Dr. J. W. Russell, the acting superintendent of the hospital, has not committed himself as to his opinion regarding the sanity or insanity of Thaw, and friends of the latter insist that he will remain neutral when Thaw's application for a writ of habeas corpus is made. This is deemed a great point in Thaw's favor, but were Dr. Lamb to be reinstated in his old position, his known attitude regarding Thaw and his frequently expressed opinion that Thaw's release would be a menace to the grounds of the hospital, his friends believe, would be perhaps fatal to Thaw's hope of regaining his freedom.

The fear of Thaw and his friends that Dr. Lamb may be reinstated is said to be grounded in Thaw's own testimony. Last night it is the effect that the Thaw influence is too great to permit him to entertain the hope that he will be reinstated, even if he had that desire, which he denies. Dr. Lamb stated that if he accepted the post his hands would be tied and that in no circumstances would he accept unless free to act upon his own judgment, and this, he felt, was impossible as conditions now exist.

Intend To Go Abroad. It was said here to-day that Thaw would be free within thirty days, and that his family intended to go abroad, the design being to make a long sojourn with Thaw's foreign relatives. Thaw recently said he had forgiven all his enemies "who failed to understand him," and that if released he would make his permanent residence abroad. He has been for several months a model prisoner, and his record has commended itself to the officials of the hospital, so that his forthcoming battle for freedom, according to his friends, is flayed with the promise of victory.

Following the appointment of Dr. May as superintendent of the hospital Thaw received many liberties which were denied him by Dr. Lamb. Since Dr. May's departure these privileges have continued and Thaw spends most of his time reading law and books of travel and studying music. His manner is reported to be that of a man who is perfectly normal, but the alienation of his mind, which he was committed to the institution as a dangerous paranoiac still adheres to the theory that this is only one manifestation of paranoia and that his restoration to freedom would cause him to become a menace to the public at large.

MAY SEND HOOK NOMINATION TO-DAY

Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, Announces His Purpose to Fight Confirmation in Senate.

While it was officially stated at the White House that a decision had not finally been reached several members of Congress who saw the President to-day departed with the belief that he would to-morrow send to Congress the nomination of United States Circuit Judge W. C. Hook, of Leavenworth, Kan., to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Harlan. Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, where Judge Hook rendered a decision adverse to a two cent fare rate order, has announced his purpose to fight the confirmation of Judge Hook's appointment indefinitely. President Taft will press it diligently as he regards the clamor raised against Judge Hook's appointment as much in the nature of judicial recall.

COMMITTS SUICIDE AT SEA.

On Way Home from Ireland When He Leaps Overboard.

The information that he had committed suicide on New Year's day by leaping into the sea was sent to the family of John Mullins, of Easton, Pa., yesterday on the arrival of the Baltic, of the White Star line.

The last five years it had been Mr. Mullins' custom to spend the Christmas holidays at his old home in Ireland.

2 Women Clubbed to Death, Man Dying, in Mob's Trail

Arkansas Band Slays Wife and Mother of Wealthy Planter and Leaves Protector for Dead—Signs of Terrific Struggle in Dismantled House.

SMALL FARMERS ARE BLAMED FOR THE DEED

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Monday.—Mrs. Kate Carpenter and her mother, Mrs. Davis, were killed, and H. P. Carpenter, a wealthy planter, probably fatally injured by a band of five or six white men, who beat the women to death and left the man for dead at the Carpenter home, near Blytheville, Ark., last night, according to reports received here to-day.

There was a knock for admittance at the front door of the Carpenter home shortly before midnight. Carpenter answered it, and as he opened the door he was felled by the man presumed to have led the band. The two women were the next objects of attack. It appeared they made desperate resistance before being clubbed to death. Furniture was demolished, window hangings torn into shreds and glass and brick-

work smashed, as if a terrific hand to hand encounter had preceded the deaths of the two women.

Neighbors chanced to visit the planter's home to-day and, upon discovering the bodies of the two women and Carpenter in a serious condition, gave the alarm. Physicians were summoned and Carpenter was revived long enough to gasp out details of the attack. Later he lapsed into unconsciousness and his death is immediately expected.

A posse is searching the countryside for the assassins, descriptions of whom were given by Carpenter.

Reports from Blytheville say the attack against Mrs. Carpenter is due to the enemy borne Carpenter by certain small farmers in the neighborhood. It was also reported that the planter gave the name of the band to the Sheriff and that warrants have been issued for them.

LINK DR. WEBSTER KILLS MOTHER, DIES WITH OLD MURDER IN BURNING HOME

Chicago Police Seek to Involve Alleged Wife Slayer with the Mize Mystery of 1905.

Epileptic Cuts Throat of Victim Slashes His Own, Shoots Himself and Fires Clothing.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] CHICAGO, Ill., Monday.—Efforts to link Dr. Elgin Webster, under indictment for the murder of his second wife, Bessie Kate Webster, with the murder of Mrs. F. E. Mize, who was shot by a supposed hold-up man near the Del Prado Hotel, in 1905, are being made by Lieutenant Joseph Thomas of the Hyde Park station, who to-day announced that he would submit what information he had obtained to the State's Attorney of De Kalb county, where Webster was tried.

Mrs. Mize was a guest at the Del Prado Hotel and was killed the night of August 22, 1905, when in front of No. 5745 Washington avenue.

Lieutenant Thomas said that the information in his possession was supplied by Mrs. Letitia Moulton, No. 1485 East Fifty-fifth street, who, in 1905, conducted a rooming house at No. 5313 Madison avenue. Dr. Webster was a roomer there at the time of the Mize murder.

Officials in De Kalb county, who have been investigating Dr. Webster's past, discredit the theory that the prisoner had anything to do with the Mize murder. His friends say he would be able to establish an alibi.

DELAYS NAMING OF DR. DOTY'S SUCCESSOR

Mr. Dix Will Not Send Appointment to the Senate Until Next Week.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] ALBANY, N. Y., Monday.—Governor Dix said to-day he had decided to defer sending the appointment of a successor to Dr. Alvah H. Doty as Health Officer of the Port of New York to the Senate until next week. Other places also will remain unfilled until then. While the Senate will reconvene Wednesday, it is doubtful if there will be a quorum present for the two other legislative days of the week.

No word has come from the executive chamber about the identity of the new Health Officer, or whether the place will go to a New York city or an up-State man.

Another place to be filled is that of Commissioner of Agriculture. The man most prominently mentioned for the position is Calvin J. Huson, of Steuben county, longtime Assemblyman and political lieutenant of the late David B. Hill.

There is a Tax Commissioner to be appointed at this time, but it is probable that the appointment of an Insurance Commissioner and Public Service Commissioner for each district will be delayed, as the vacancies do not exist in those places.

ORDERS "NO WATER" AS GARAGE BURNS

Seeking to Save Upholstering, Owner Sees Two Automobiles and Building Destroyed.

As Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Freeman, of Metuchen, N. J., sat at the dinner table last night the town fire bell rang. Neither Dr. nor Mrs. Freeman paid any attention to the alarm until a neighbor knocked on their door and told them that the garage in the rear of their home was on fire.

Dr. Freeman went to the garage and, fearing that the water might injure the upholstery of two automobiles, gave orders that no water be thrown on the burning building. When the blaze died out the garage had burned to the ground and two motor-cars valued at \$5,000 and \$5,500, respectively, had been destroyed. This makes four automobiles Dr. Freeman has lost through fire in the last two years.

THIEVES LEFT FINGER PRINTS.

Only Clew Found by Police to Burglars Who Dynamited Hat Store Safe.

For the second time within a week a safe was blown open in the Bowery and the burglars made their escape. When the store of McCann the Hatter, at No. 210 Bowery, was opened yesterday the safe was found to have been dynamited and \$125, a collection of rare coins of the United States, a gold watch valued at \$250 and five unset diamonds taken. Some finger prints were the only clews discovered by the police.

Last Thursday the safe of the Walkover shoe Company was found to have been blown with dynamite and several hundred dollars stolen.

Dies by Poison and Gas.

Max Schaefer, twenty-nine years old, a salesman, who boarded with Mrs. Amelia Felix on the first floor of No. 67 Lenox avenue, was found dead in bed yesterday, having committed suicide by inhaling gas and drinking carbolic acid.

NO CLEW TO AGED COUPLE'S SLAYER

Autopsy Shows That Mr. and Mrs. Fetterman Were Strangled to Death.

There was no solution yesterday of the mystery surrounding the murder of Isaac Fetterman and his wife, Rachel, whose bodies were found Sunday morning in their home, No. 101 Norfolk street. An autopsy performed by Dr. Albert T. Weston, Coroner's physician, showed that the aged couple had died of strangulation, instead of by the injuries to their heads, as was at first believed.

Miss Etta Fetterman, the daughter, who was taken to the observation ward of Bellevue Hospital, after the police had found crimson stains on clothing in her home, No. 65 West street, was still too hysterical yesterday to be questioned.

George F. Dougherty, Second Deputy Police Commissioner, who is working with Inspector Hughes, said last night: "There is no hope that they were murdered. We shall not question the daughter again until she has been examined by physicians as to her sanity."

The murder of Mr. and Mrs. Fetterman, man and wife, last of a long series of misfortunes that have befallen their son, Aaron Fetterman, within a few years, first the factory of the Knickerbocker Brass Goods Company, of which he is president, was damaged by fire. Then he lost money in a bank failure, his arm was broken in a taxi cab accident, his wife fell and broke her leg and at present both his daughter and daughter-in-law are recovering from serious operations.

The Hobby Club, composed of wealthy men of New York who have odd collections, is described in next Sunday's NEW YORK HERALD.

In the New York Hotels. Gregorian—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tennant, St. John, N. B., and Mr. P. T. Barbour, Chicago.

Manhattan—Mr. Loman Jones, Bristol, England, and Mr. George Green, Rye, N. Y.

Gotham—Mr. Alfred Whittell, San Francisco, and Mr. Walter D. Denner, New York city.

Brooklyn—Baron and Baroness D'Orsay, Paris, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bulger, Kansas City.

Herald Square—Mr. H. W. Baker, Hingham, Pa., and Mr. J. H. Smith, Detroit.

Hotel Astor—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Holman, Los Angeles, and Miss Mitchell Henry, Galway, Ireland.

Voltaire—Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Kippenberger, Cincinnati, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Davis, Washington.

Hotel Astor—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carillo, Paris, and Mrs. A. M. Johnson, Fort Worth, Tex., Col.

St. Regis—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Pratt, Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Baines, Paris.

Rector—